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TAGS: PINS, PINT, SD  
SUBJECT: SECURITY POLICE DETAIN SSRC LEADERSHIP

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1490

1. PLANS FOR AN ORDERLY COMMEMORATION OF JUNE 16TH WERE THROWN INTO ALMOST COMPLETE CONFUSION OVER THE WEEKEND AS POLICE OF THE SECURITY BRANCH (DISTINCT FROM SOWETO POLICE COMMAND) OUTFLANKED SOWETO POLICE CHIEF VISSER ON THE RIGHT AND ARRESTED VIRTUALLY ENTIRE LEADERSHIP OF THE SOWETO STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, INCLUDING SSRC PRESIDENT MONTSISI.

2. POLICE ARRESTED TWENTY BLACKS, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE "ACTION" COMMITTEE OF THE SSRC. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED WERE KOTSO LENGANE  
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AND THABO NDABENI, THE TWO STUDENTS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED LAST MONTH DURING THE SSRC- URBAN BANTU COUNCIL CONFRONTATION, LATER RELEASED ON THE AUTHORITY OF BRIGADIER VISSER. ALSO ARRESTED WERE FIVE WHITE STUDENT LEADERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERS-RAND INVOLVED IN PLANNING COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

3. WHAT REMAINS OF THE SSRC LEADERSHIP ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING

ON BRIGADIER VISSER "TO RELEASE OUR LEADERS BEFORE WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

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OUR POLICY IS NON-VIOLENT". IN THE MEANTIME, THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS  
RANKS OF THE SSRC PRODUCED ANOTHER "TEMPORARY" LEADER, JABU MAZIBUKO,  
A TWENTY YEAR OLD STUDENT AT ORLANDO HIGH IN SOWETO "UNTIL HE (MONTSI  
SI)  
IS RELEASED".

4. THE SSRC STATEMENT REFLECTS SOME CONFUSION ALSO NOTED IN THE  
PRESS, AS TO WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SEEMING DOUBLE-CROSS ON  
THE PART OF VISSER. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THE ARRESTS OF THE  
SSRC LEADERSHIP WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE SECURITY POLICE AND NOT BY  
THE SOWETO POLICE COMMAND. THE SECURITY POLICE OPERATE WITH  
VIRTUAL AUTONOMY, ALTHOUGH IN SOWETO THEY NOMINALLY COOPERATE  
WITH VISSER AND SERVE UNDER HIS GENERAL COMMAND. AN EFFORT OF THIS  
MAGNITUDE, SABOTAGING AS IT DOES VISSER'S ATTEMPTS A "COOPERATIVE"  
APPROACH TO THE STUDENTS, COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT THE INSTIGATION  
ON  
OF SOME HIGHER AUTHORITY (MINISTER OF JUSTICE JIMMY KRUGER). WHERE  
THIS LEAVES VISSER, NOW DISCREDITED WITH THE STUDENTS, AND THE SSRC'  
NOW THAT THEIR LEADERSHIP IS SAFELY TUCKED AWAY, IS THE QUESTION  
OF THE MOMENT. VISSER CAN STILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT TO  
AVOID CONFRONTATION BUT WHETHER THE STUDENTS, WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP  
REMOVED, CAN CONTROL THE MOOD OF THEIR FOLLOWERS OR KEEP THE  
TSOTSI IN LINE IS IN DOUBT.  
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